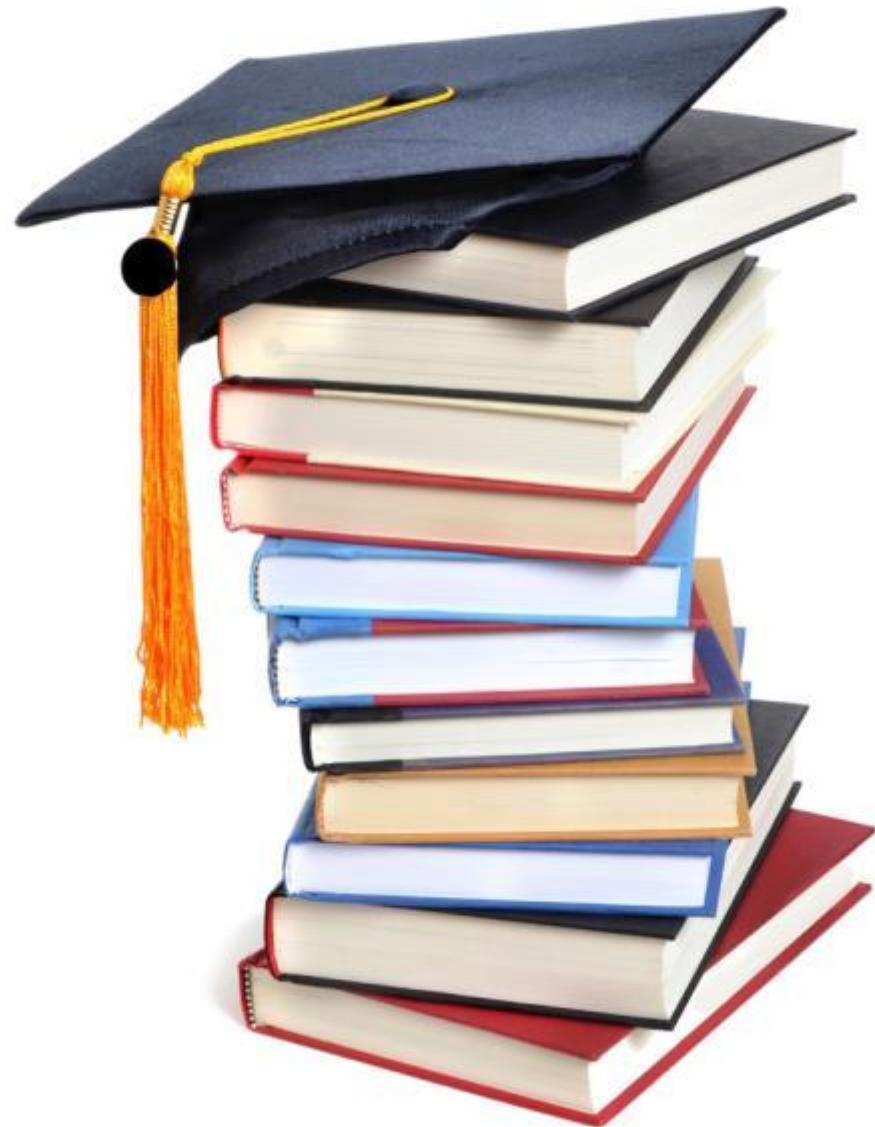


Graduate Study in the United States

U.S. Embassy Mozambique
Educational Advising Program



Overview



- Global Context
- Understanding U.S. Graduate Education
- Admissions Process
- Testing
- Funding Strategies

Why Study in the United States?

The U.S. educational system values academic honesty and freedom, critical reflection, independent thinking and decision making, interactive learning, leadership skills, and diversity.

Smithee, Greenblatt & Eland, 2004



QUALITY

- World-class institutions
- Widely accepted degrees

CHOICE

- +4,500 accredited universities
- +600 Fields of Study

VALUE

- Schools in every price range
- Generous financial aid

FLEXIBILITY

- Design your own program
- Change fields/schools without penalty

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY

- Access to work, study, and internship opportunities
- Career counseling services

International Tertiary Mobility: Mozambique

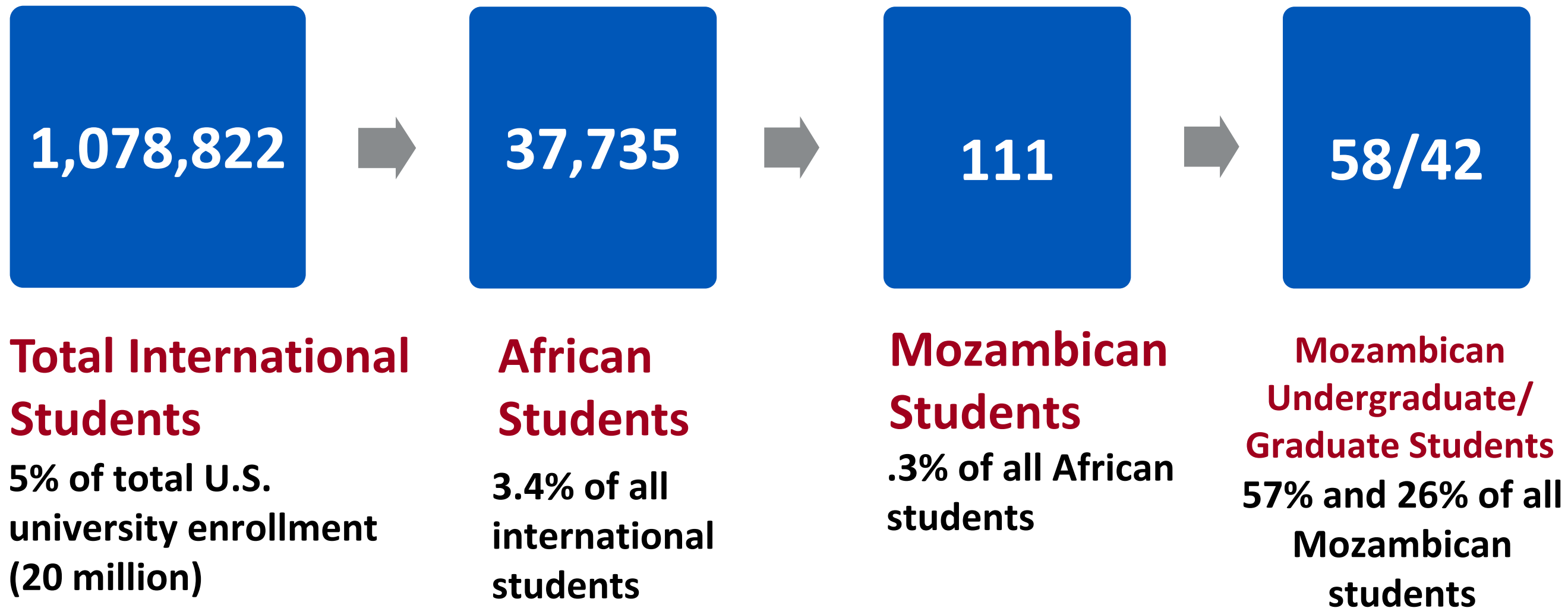
UNESCO Institute for Statistics, 2016



<i>Total Number Abroad</i>	<i>2,271</i>	
<i>Portugal</i>	<i>596</i>	<i>26%</i>
<i>South Africa</i>	<i>351</i>	<i>15%</i>
<i>Brazil</i>	<i>328</i>	<i>14%</i>

Mozambicans Studying in the U.S.

2016-2017 Academic Year



Source: Institute of International Education, 2017 Open Doors Report

African Student Enrollment in the US: 2016-2017



RANK	Country	# of Students
1	Nigeria	10,674
2	Ghana	3,049
3	Kenya	3,019
4	RSA	1,813
--	Angola	1,296
--	Mozambique	120
--	Cabo Verde	80

Your 5 Steps to Study in the United States



**Research Your
Options**



**Finance Your
Studies**



**Complete Your
Application**



**Apply for a
Student Visa**



**Prepare for
Your Departure**

Graduate Degree Programs

Master's Degree

- 1-3 years
- Practical training in specialized field
- Academic Degrees: e.g. Master of Arts (MA) or Master of Science (MS)
- Professional Degrees: e.g., Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Fine Arts (MFA), Master of Public Policy (MPP) or Master of Education (MEd)
- Graduation requirement: usually Master's Thesis

Doctorate Degree

- 5-8 years
- Prepares students for University faculty and research scholar positions, or careers that require advanced knowledge and research skills.
- Academic Degrees: e.g., Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Professional Degrees: e.g., Doctor of Education (EdD) or Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)
- Graduation requirement: Comprehensive examination + dissertation

Both degrees require a combination of quantitative/qualitative research and coursework

General Admissions Requirements



- Completion of a Bachelor's degree (*Licentiatūra*)
- Demonstrated English proficiency
- Certification of Finances
- Completed Application Package:
 - » Application forms
 - » Curriculum Vitae
 - » Transcripts
 - » Statement of Purpose/Essays
 - » Recommendations
 - » Standardized Test Scores

Types of Admissions Tests



TOEFL*:	Test of English as a Foreign Language General exam to demonstrate English skill
GRE*:	Graduate Record Exam General exam for most graduate programs
GMAT:	Graduate Management Admissions Test For: Business schools
MCAT:	Medical College Admission Test For: Medical and some Health professions schools
LSAT:	Law School Admission Test For: Law school Juris Doctor programs
DAT:	Dental Admission Test For: Dental schools

TOEFL

- Internet-based exam: 4 hours
- Tests English reading, writing, listening, and speaking
- Avg. Minimum score for admission: 100 out of 120
- Cost: \$180
- Offered once per month at the American Cultural Center in Maputo. Check website for frequency in Johannesburg and Harare
- Register online: www.ets.org/toefl

GRE

- Paper-based exam: 3.5 hours
- 3 sections test verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing ability
- Avg. minimum score for admission: above 50th percentile, or above 151 on Verbal/Quant Sections and 4 on writing
- Cost: \$205
- Offered 3-4 times/year at the American Cultural Center
- Register online at: www.ets.org/gre

Test preparation materials for all standardized tests are available at the American Cultural Center in Maputo, American Corners in Chimoio (Universidade Catolica) and Beira (UP), and American Reading Room in Nampula (UniLurio)



Research Your
Options

Choose the Best Graduate Program For You

Step 1: Define Your Education and Career Goals

Step 2: Explore Programs and Ask Questions

- Research Programs and Facilities?
- Faculty Profiles?
- **Graduate professor/supervisor is one of the most important elements of your graduate study. Choose professor as well as choosing your school.**
- Accreditation?
- Time required to complete degree?
- Academic Requirements?
- **Petersons.com and EducationUSA.info are helpful**

Step 3: Make a Short List of Programs

Step 4: Decide Where to Apply

▼ **State/Province**

Choose a state

▼ **Degree type**

- ☐ Master's
- ☐ Doctorate
- ☐ Certificate

▼ **Tuition**

- ☐ Less than \$10,000
- ☐ \$10,000 – \$25,000
- ☐ \$25,001 – \$50,000
- ☐ Greater than \$50,000

▼ **Admission difficulty**

- ☐ Non-competitive
- ☐ Minimally difficult
- ☐ Moderately difficult
- ☐ Very difficult
- ☐ Most difficult

▼ **GRE**

- ☐ Below 145
- ☐ 145 - 150
- ☐ 151 - 160
- ☐ Above 160

▼ **GMAT**

School Results

Scholarship Results

Article Results

Economics



SEARCH

65 students

Economics offers 2 graduate degrees for students. The program has been recognized among the top 20 graduate institutions for such subjects as... agricultural **economics**, resource **economics**...



SAVE

FEATURED



Claremont Graduate University

Department of Economics

Private School in Claremont, CA

126 students

Politics and **Economics** Claremont Graduate University's Division of Politics & **Economics** (DPE) is passionate about quality graduate... Politics and **Economics** Claremont Graduate University's Division of Politics & **Economics**...

REQUEST INFO



SAVE

FEATURED



American University

Private School in Washington, DC

1,602 students

Economics graduates 95% of MA in Strategic Communication graduates 93% of Master's graduates in the College of Arts and Sciences (this includes... **Economics**, Applied **Economics**...

REQUEST INFO



SAVE

FEATURED



Binghamton University, State University of New York

Department of Philosophy

Public School in Binghamton, NY

European journals dedicated to **economics** and political science. Melissa Zinkin, associate professor of philosophy, delves deep into moral... European journals dedicated to **economics**...

REQUEST INFO



SAVE

Graduate Financial Aid



**Highly Competitive!
Based on Academic
Potential**



**Requires Strong
Application**

**Often requires
Research or
Teaching
Experience**

Financial Aid



- Comprehensive annual costs for graduate school range from \$15,000 to \$70,000 (includes tuition, fees, and living expenses).
- Over 1,000 universities award partial and/or full financial aid packages to international students
- Financial aid is highly competitive, merit-based, and awarded only to top students

Reducing Educational Costs



Assess personal funds

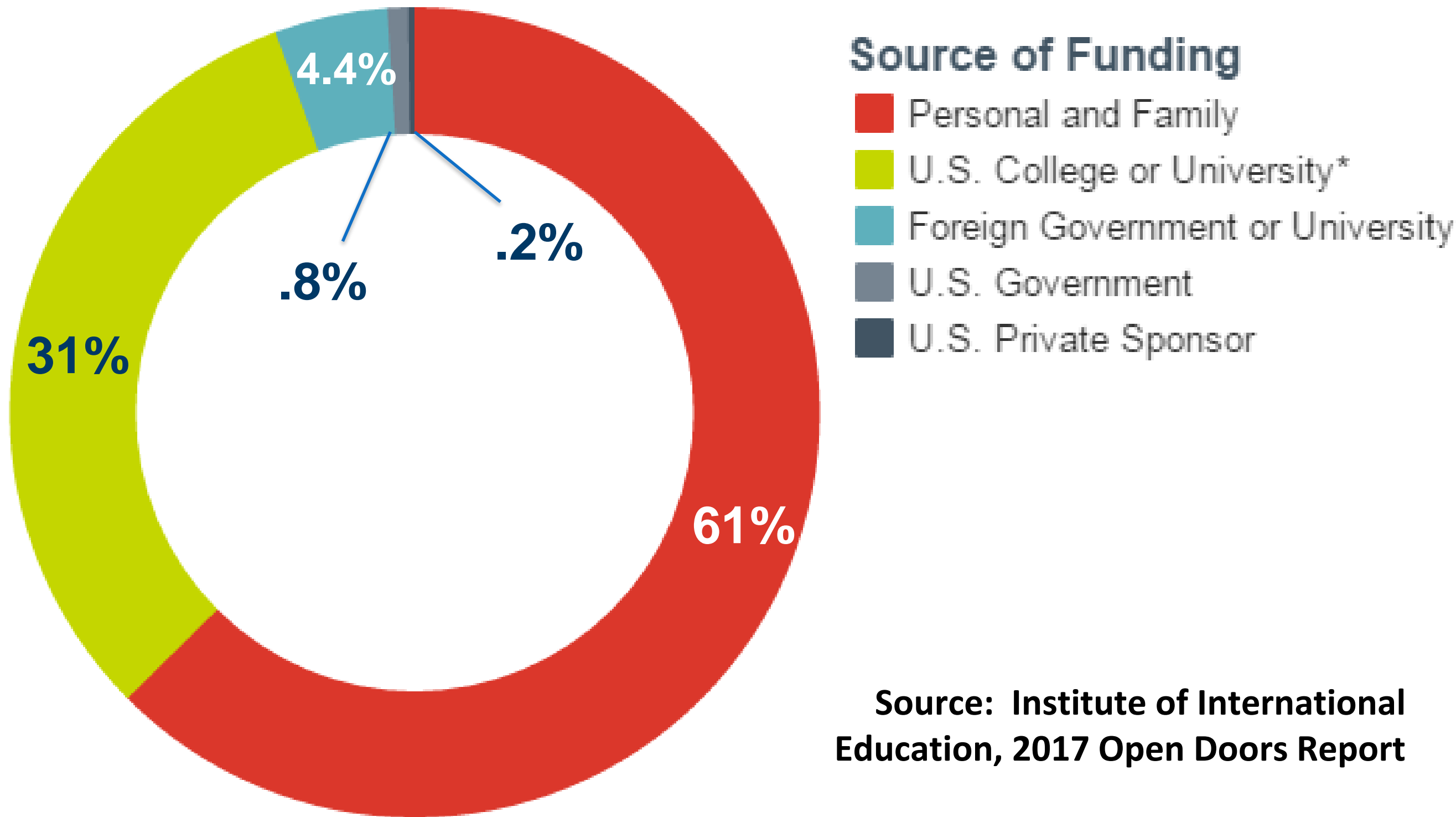
- Determine how much you can afford for your education each year.
- Full scholarships are difficult to get--expect to pay something yourself.
- Raise additional funds from family and other personal sources.

Plan a budget

- Keep in mind that overall costs include tuition, fees, and living expenses.
- Develop your budget as early as possible!

Primary Source of Funding

International Graduate Students, 2016 - 2017



Source: Institute of International Education, 2017 Open Doors Report

Sources of Funding



Assistantships

- **Work For University in Research/Teaching**
- **Provides Tuition + Living Stipend**
- **Typically Requires an Interview and Good Academic Standing**

Fellowships

- **Sponsored by Governments, Universities, and Organizations**
- **Often conduct Research For Degree**
- **Covers Costs, Admin, Living, etc.**

Sources of Funding by Field of Study



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

- **60-80% of grad students are funded by their universities**

Humanities and Social Sciences

- **40-60% of grad students are funded by their universities**

Other Professions (Business, Health, Communications, Education, Law)

- **Almost 0%. Most grad students are funded by student loans**

Funding Strategies



Here are some resources:

- www.educationusa.info
- www.opportunitiesforafricans.com
- www.scholars4dev.com
- www.iefacom
- www.mastercardfdn.org/scholars-program
- www.internationalstudent.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.studentawards.com
- www.internationalscholarships.com
- www.iie.org
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.fundingusstudy.org
- www.guaranteed-scholarships.com
- Email: MaputoEdAdvising@state.gov

Funding Strategies



Finance Your
Studies

- **Find best buys**
 - Look for the highest quality of education at the lowest cost, such as state universities.
- **Think about location**
 - Apply to institutions in areas that have a lower cost of living, such as in the South or the Midwest.
- **Communicate with University faculty**
 - Highlight your research interests and your abilities to increase your competitiveness for Assistantships and Fellowships
 - Research U.S. Government Fulbright Program

Funding Strategies



Finance Your
Studies

- **Search for scholarships strategically**
 - Look for the schools that provide the most funding for international students
 - Apply only to programs for which you are competitive
- **Be proactive**
 - Research all possible options thoroughly
 - Contact schools and ask about funding possibilities
 - Apply to at least five programs
- **SUBMIT A STRONG APPLICATION!**
 - Perform well on required tests (TOEFL, GRE/GMAT)
 - Apply early and complete forms professionally
 - Submit completed applications before January 1

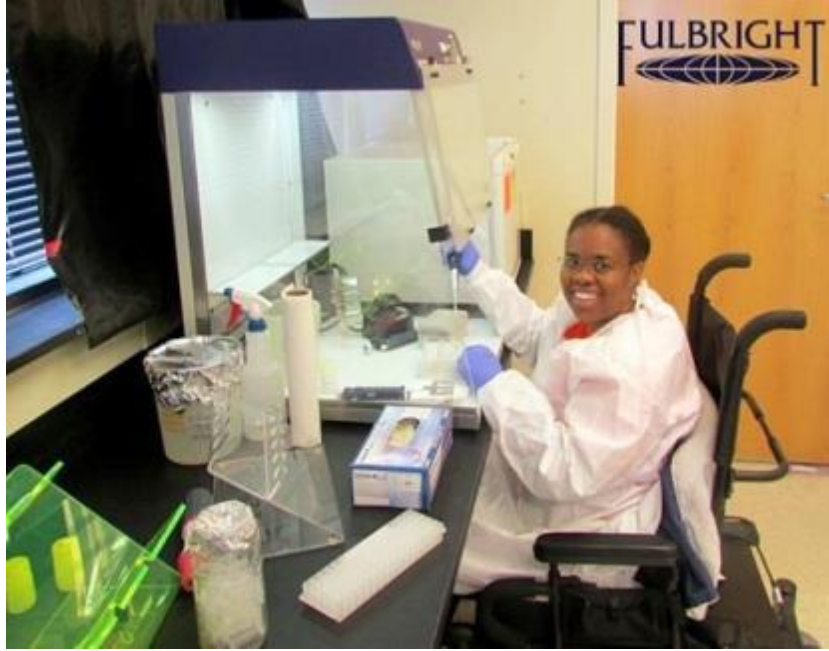
FULBRIGHT Foreign Student Program

- Full funding for maximum of two years of Master's, PhD, or non-degree study in the United States
- **Highly competitive.** U.S. Embassy Awards 3-4 full scholarships to Mozambicans every year
- Eligibility Criteria:
 - Mozambican citizens
 - Must already have Licenciatura
 - English Proficiency
 - Strong grades and leadership record
 - Commitment to country development
- Application period opens in January

Fulbright 2014-15: Arsenio Lampiao, LLM in Environmental and Natural Resources Law, University of Oregon; Felix Manganhela, MA in Teaching English as a Second Language, St. Cloud State University



FULBRIGHT Foreign Student Program



Elsa Lameira
Fulbright 2013-2015
Master's in Microbiology,
Oklahoma State University



Fulbright 2016-18:
Georgina Fuel- LLM, Environmental and Natural
Resources Law
University of Oregon
Helio Cuve- MA in Experimental Psychology,
City University of New York
Dr. Ivandra Simao- MA in Public Health
Georgia State University



Inocencio Zandamela
Fulbright 2014-2016
Master's in Educational Psychology
The College of St. Rose

Admissions Timeline



Complete Your
Application

- U.S. Academic Calendar- August/September – May/June
- Application process begins one year before intended enrollment
- February-August: Think, read, research, select schools and programs. Plan essays and recruit recommenders
- September-December: Take GRE/GMAT/TOEFL, write essays, get transcripts and recommendations, fill out applications, and communicate with professors
- January 1: Complete and submit all applications.
- April-May: Admissions and funding decisions announced
- May-June: Apply for student visa

Profile of a Strong Graduate Application

“Your personal qualities and contributions — everything about you that makes you who you are — suggests how you see the world and what shaped the perspective you will bring to future classmates.”

MBA Admissions Director, Stanford University

ESSAYS

- Showcase your skills and experience beyond the transcript.
- Describe what you will contribute to the classroom and the campus
- Discuss your knowledge of the program, faculty, and their research
- Highlight your knowledge of your field of study
- Be specific about your study objectives

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

- Preceded by communication with professors/deans of the department
- Clear explanation of study objectives and career goals
- Evidence of your familiarity with school's program/professors/research

PROFESSIONALISM

- Applications submitted on time or early, without omissions or errors
- All materials are completed professionally

TESTING

- TOEFL- at least 100
- GRE - at least 300 (or 50th percentile) /section
- Take practice tests to improve scores

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Demonstrate a clear professional or academic relationship with applicant.
- Discuss applicant's attitude toward learning, knowledge of field, motivation, seriousness, and teaching/research potential



Educational Advising Services

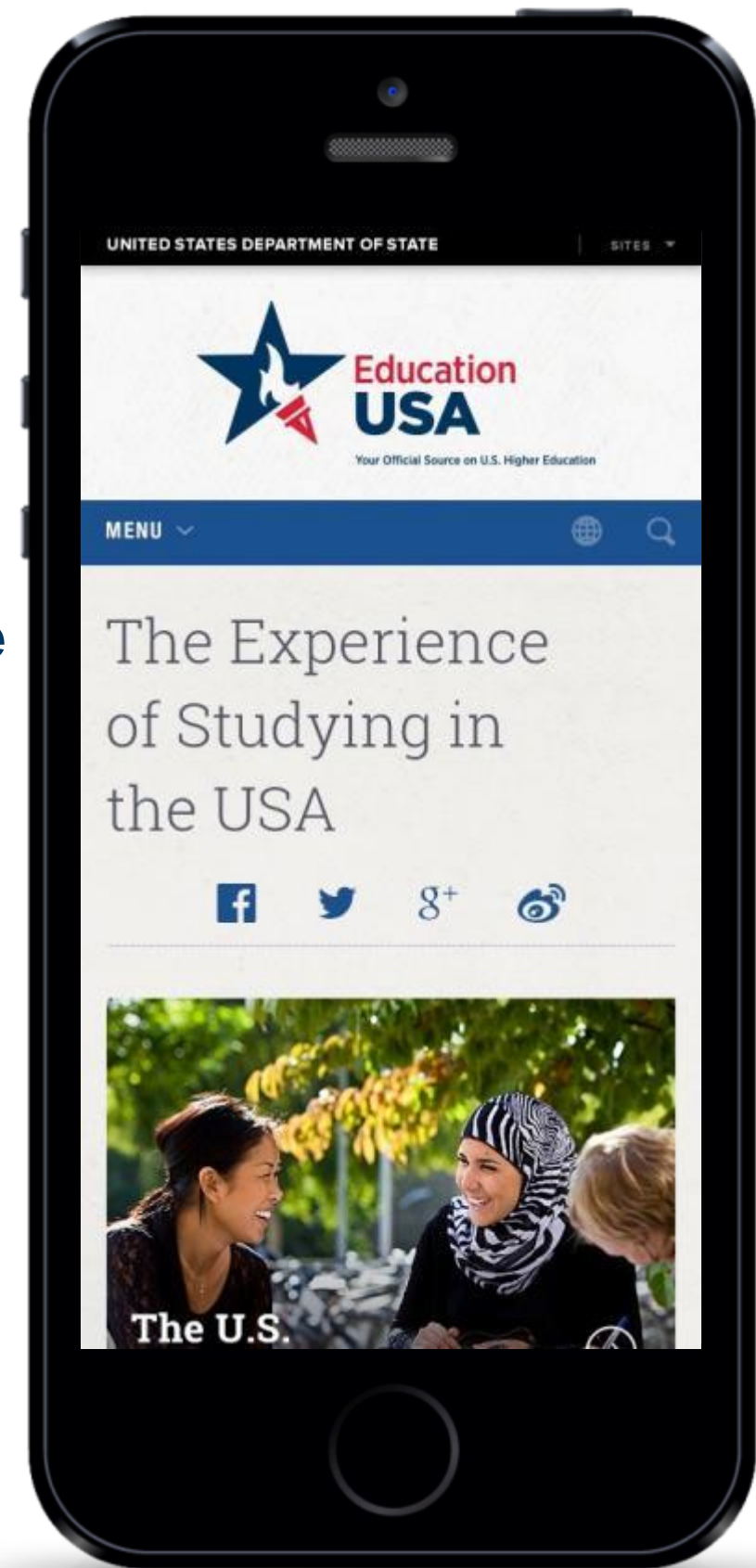
Centro Cultural Americano Martin Luther King, Av. Mao Tse Tung, 542, Maputo

- **Once-monthly group information sessions on studying in the U.S. (Graduate: last Wednesday of the month, 12:30-14:00)**
- **Individual Counseling**
- **Group information sessions on application-writing, scholarship opportunities, graduate programs, etc.**
- **Recruitment visits by U.S. university representatives**
- **Test preparation and application materials**
- **Scholarship Information**
- **English language programs**
- **Resources available at American Corners in Beira (Universidade Catolica) and Chimoio (UP) and American Reading Room in Nampula (UniLurio)**



Staying Connected

1. www.educationusa.info
For general information on studying in the United States
2. www.facebook.com/U.S.EmbassyMozambique
Like our Facebook page for information and updates on educational opportunities and events
3. <https://mz.usembassy.gov/>
For information on U.S. government-sponsored scholarship and exchange programs
4. MaputoEdAdvising@state.gov
For questions and info regarding U.S. educational advising services



Questions?

